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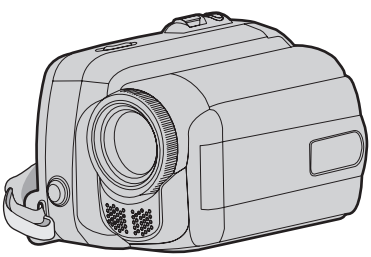
INSTRUCTIONS

DIGITAL VIDEO CAMERA

GR-D850
GR-D870

Dear Customer,
Thank you for purchasing this digital video camera. Before use, please read the safety information and precautions contained in pages 4 – 6 to ensure safe use of this product.



The camcorder illustrations appearing in this instruction manual are of the GR-D870.

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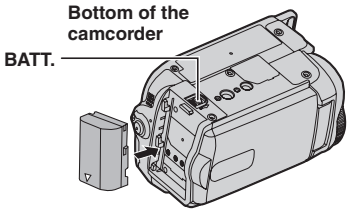
Mini DV NTSC SD™ MultiMediaCard

1. Preparation

1 Attach the battery pack.

Charge the battery pack. (☞ 16)

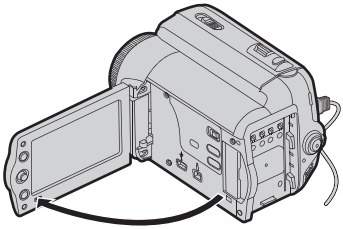


Notes:

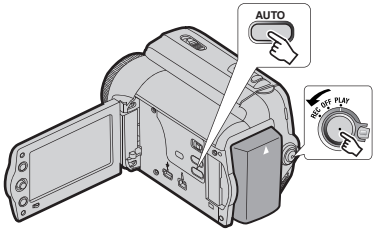
- The battery pack is not charged at the time of purchase. Please charge the battery pack before use.
- Use the JVC BN-VF808U/VF815U/VF823U battery packs. Using generic non-JVC batteries can cause damage to the internal charging circuitry.

2. Video Recording

1 Open the LCD Monitor.



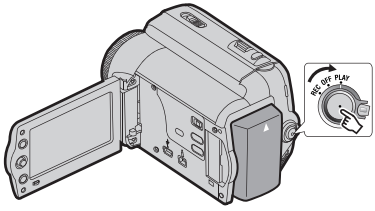
2 Set the Power Switch to "REC". (☞ 13)



GR-D870 Set **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to **"VIDEO".** (☞ 13)

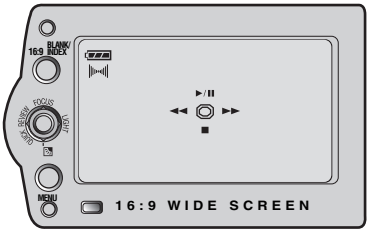
3. Playing Back

1 Set the Power Switch to "PLAY". (☞ 13)

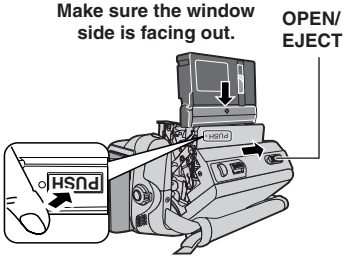


GR-D870 Set **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to **"VIDEO".** (☞ 13)

2 The screen will be displayed for approx. 3 seconds.

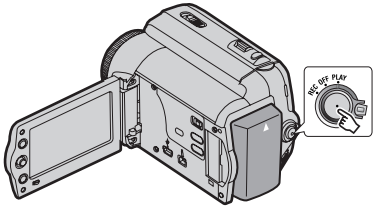


2 Load the cassette. (☞ 18)



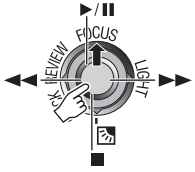
Notes:
- Before the actual recording of important data, make a trial recording and play back the recorded data to check that the video and sound have been recorded correctly.
- As a start, we recommend you to use the AUTO mode setting A for recording.

3 Press the Recording Start/Stop button to start recording.



Note:
- To set the date and time. (☞ 17)

3 Select ▶/ II to start playback. (☞ 8)



Note:
- To play back picture on a connected TV. (☞ 40)

Note:
- **We recommend cleaning your video heads before use.**
  If you haven't used your camcorder for awhile, the heads may be dirty. We recommend periodically cleaning the video heads with a cleaning cassette (optional).

Read This First!

- **Before recording important video, be sure to make a trial recording.**
  Play back your trial recording to make sure the video and audio have been recorded properly.
- **We recommend cleaning your video heads before use.**
  If you haven't used your camcorder for awhile, the heads may be dirty. We recommend periodically cleaning the video heads with a cleaning cassette (optional).

- **Be sure to store your cassette tapes and camcorder in the proper environment.**
  Video heads can become dirty more easily if your cassette tapes and camcorder are stored in a dusty area. Cassette tapes should be removed from the camcorder and stored in cassette cases. Store the camcorder in a bag or other container.
- **Use SP (Standard Play) mode for important video recordings.**
  LP (Long Play) mode lets you record 50% more video than SP (Standard Play) mode, but you may experience mosaic-like noise during playback depending on the tape characteristics and the usage environment. So, for important recordings, we recommend using SP mode.
- **For safety and reliability.**
  It is recommended only genuine JVC batteries and accessories are used in this camcorder.
- **This product includes patented and other proprietary technology and will operate only with JVC Data Battery. Use the JVC BN-VF808U/VF815U/VF823U battery packs. Using generic non-JVC batteries can cause damage to the internal charging circuitry.**
- GR-D870 **This camcorder is designed exclusively for the digital video cassette, SD Memory Card and MultiMediaCard. Only cassettes marked "Mini DV" and memory cards marked "SD" or "MultiMediaCard" can be used with this unit.**
- **Remember that this camcorder is not compatible with other digital video formats.**
- **It is recommended that you use JVC brand cassette tapes.**
  Your camcorder is compatible with all brands of commercially available cassette tapes complying with the MiniDV standard, but JVC brand cassette tapes are designed and optimized to maximize the performance of your camcorder.
- **Remember that this camcorder is intended for private consumer use only.**
  Any commercial use without proper permission is prohibited. (Even if you record an event such as a show, performance or exhibition for personal enjoyment, it is strongly recommended that you obtain permission beforehand.)
- **DO NOT leave the unit**
  - in place of over 50°C.
  - in place where humidity is extremely low (below 35%) or extremely high (80%).
  - in direct sunlight.
  - in a closed car in summer.
  - near a heater.
- **The LCD monitor is made with high precision technology.** However, black spots or bright spots of light (red, green or blue) may appear constantly on the LCD monitor. These spots are not recorded on the tape. This is not due to any defect of the unit. (Effective dots: more than 99.99%)
- **Do not leave the battery pack attached when the camcorder is not in use and check the unit regularly whether it is working or not.**
- **Microsoft® and Windows® are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries.**

Also read "Cautions" on pages 46 – 48.

About Batteries

DANGER! Do not attempt to take the batteries apart, or expose them to flame or excessive heat, as it may cause a fire or explosion.
WARNING! Do not allow the battery or its terminals to come in contact with metals, as this can result in a short circuit and possibly start a fire.

To deactivate the demonstration, set "DEMO MODE" to "OFF". (☞ 28, 32)

Safety Precautions

CAUTION
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN

CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK).
NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE.
REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

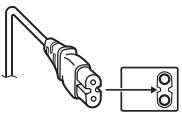
The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS UNIT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

CAUTIONS:

- This camcorder is designed to be used with NTSC-type color television signals. It cannot be used for playback with a television of a different standard. However, live recording and LCD monitor playback are possible anywhere.
- This product includes patented and other proprietary technology and will operate only with JVC Data Battery. Use the JVC BN-VF808U/VF815U/VF823U battery packs and, to recharge them or to supply power to the camcorder from an AC outlet, use the provided multi-voltage AC Adapter. (An appropriate conversion adapter may be necessary to accommodate different designs of AC outlets in different countries.)

CAUTION:



To avoid electric shock or damage to the unit, first firmly insert the small end of the power cord into the AC Adapter until it is no longer wobbly, and then plug the larger end of the power cord into an AC outlet.

NOTES:

- The rating plate (serial number plate) and safety caution are on the bottom and/or the back of the main unit.
- The rating information and safety caution of the AC Adapter are on its upper and lower sides.

When the equipment is installed in a cabinet or on a shelf, make sure that it has sufficient space on all sides to allow for ventilation (10 cm) or more on both sides, on top and at the rear).
Do not block the ventilation holes.
(If the ventilation holes are blocked by a newspaper, or cloth etc. the heat may not be able to get out.)
No naked flame sources, such as lighted candles, should be placed on the apparatus.
When discarding batteries, environmental problems must be considered and the local rules or laws governing the disposal of these batteries must be followed strictly.
The apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing.
Do not use this equipment in a bathroom or places with water.
Also do not place any containers filled with water or liquids (such as cosmetics or medicines, flower vases, potted plants, cups etc.) on top of this unit.
(If water or liquid is allowed to enter this equipment, fire or electric shock may be caused.)

Do not point the lens directly into the sun. This can cause eye injuries, as well as lead to the malfunctioning of internal circuitry. There is also a risk of fire or electric shock.

CAUTION!

The following notes concern possible physical damage to the camcorder and to the user.
When carrying, be sure to always securely attach and use the provided strap. Carrying or holding the camcorder by the LCD monitor can result in dropping the unit, or in a malfunction.
Take care not to get your finger caught in the cassette holder cover.
Do not let children operate the camcorder, as they are particularly susceptible to this type of injury.
Do not use a tripod on unsteady or unlevel surfaces. It could tip over, causing serious damage to the camcorder.

CAUTION!

Connecting cables (Audio/Video, S-Video, etc.) to the camcorder and leaving it on top of the TV is not recommended, as tripping on the cables will cause the camcorder to fall, resulting in damage.

WARNING:

Batteries shall not be exposed to excessive heat such as direct sunshine, fire or the like.

CAUTION:

The mains plug shall remain readily operable.

If this symbol is shown, it is only valid in the European Union

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
9. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
10. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip over.

11. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
12. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

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Regarding This Manual

Control lever (☞ 13)
There are two kinds of operation using the control lever.

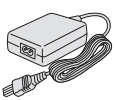
Operation			To select
∧	▶/❚❚	FOCUS	Move the control lever up.
∨	■		Move the control lever down.
>	▶▶	LIGHT	Move the control lever right.
<	◀◀	QUICK REVIEW	Move the control lever left.

1 Move the control lever towards up/down/left/right to select.

2 Press down the control lever to select **SET**.

Icon
Icons such as GR-D870 indicate that the feature is applicable to the specified model only.

Accessories

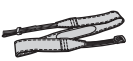


AC Adapter AP-V14E

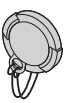
Power Cord

Audio/Video Cable
(ø3.5 mini-plug to RCA plug)

Battery Pack BN-VF808U



Shoulder Strap
(☞ 9)



Lens Cap
(☞ 9)

GR-D870
USB Cable

GR-D870
CD-ROM

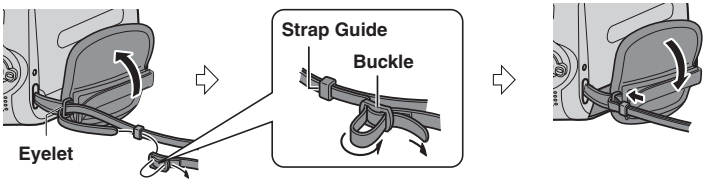
Note:
Make sure to use the provided cables for connections. Do not use any other cables.

Attach the Shoulder Strap

Peel off the pad and thread the end of the strap through the eyelet.

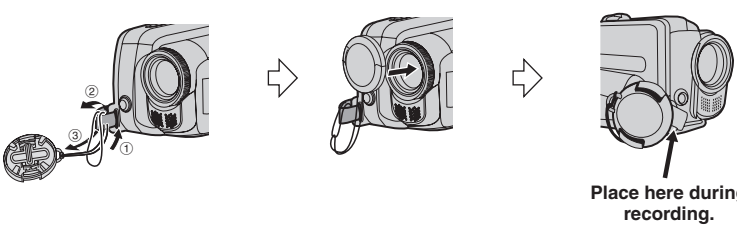
Thread the strap through the buckle, adjust its length, and use the strap guide to fix it in place.

Position the buckle near the eyelet and reattach the pad.



Attach the Lens Cap

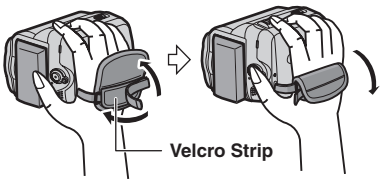
To protect the lens, attach the provided lens cap to the camcorder as shown in the illustration.



Grip Adjustment

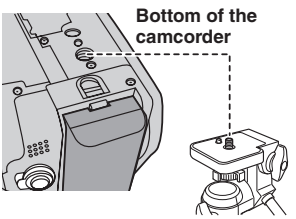
Open the pad and make grip adjustments.

- Remove any security tags that may be attached to the velcro.



Tripod Mounting

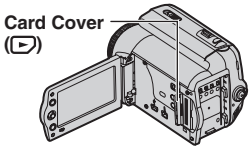
Align the camcorder stud hole with the tripod stud, and the mounting socket with the screw and lock it in place.



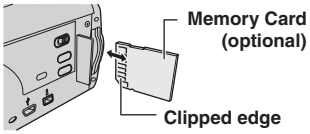
GR-D870 Using the SD Card

Set the power switch to **"OFF"**.

1 Open the card cover.



2 Firmly insert the card with its clipped edge first.



3 Close the Card cover.

To remove the SD Card

Push the SD Card once. After the card comes out a little, pull it out.

- Do not touch the terminal on the reverse side of the label.

Notes:

- Some brands of memory cards are not compatible with this camcorder. Before purchasing a memory card, consult its manufacturer or dealer.
- Before using a new memory card, it is necessary to format the card (☞ 27).

PLEASE FORMAT

Appears when there is a problem with a memory card and its memory is corrupt, or it has not been initialized. Intialize the memory card. (☞ 27)

CARD ERROR!

Appears when the camcorder does not recognize the loaded memory card. Remove the memory card once and insert it again.

Repeat these procedures until no indication appears. If the indication still appears, the memory card is corrupted.

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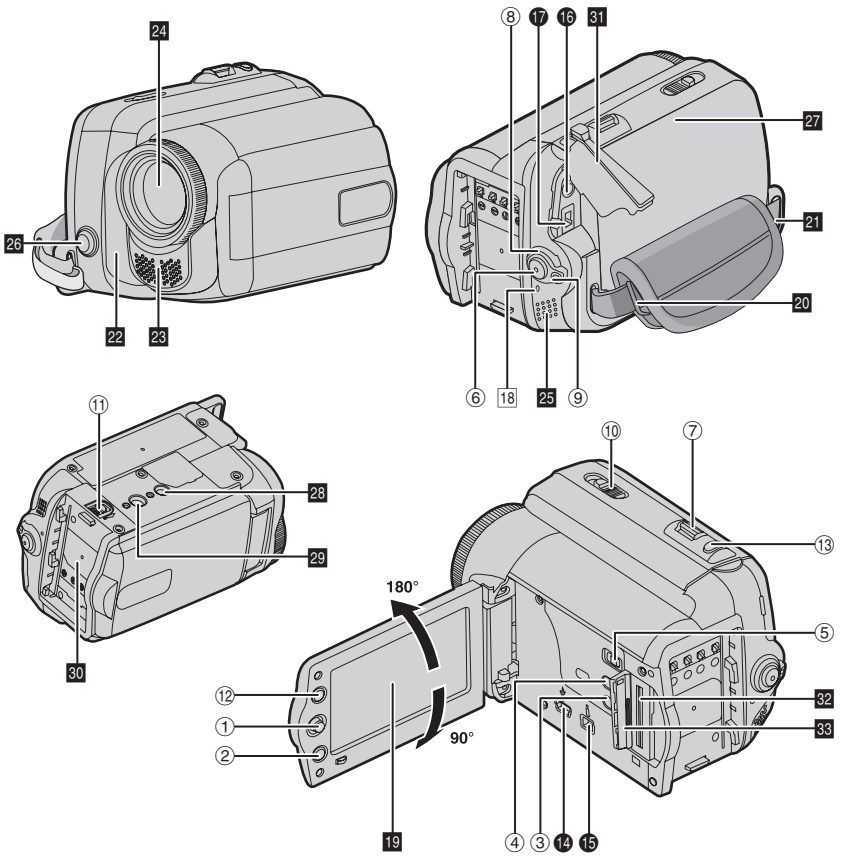


Notes:

- The LCD monitor can rotate 270˚.
- Colored bright spots may appear all over the LCD monitor. However, this is not a malfunction.
- **Power-linked operation**
  You can also turn the camcorder on/off by opening/closing the LCD monitor during the recording mode.

Controls

① Control Lever (☞ 8)
〈 : Left/Rewind (◀◀) (☞ 22)/Quick Review [QUICK REVIEW] (☞ 19)
〉 : Right/Fast-Forward (▶▶) (☞ 22)/LED Light [LIGHT] (☞ 34)
∧ : Up/Play/Pause (▶/❚❚) (☞ 21)/Manual Focus [FOCUS] (☞ 35)
∨ : Down/Stop (■) (☞ 21)/Backlight Compensation [▣] (☞ 36)/Spot Exposure (☞ 36)
Press down : SET
② Menu Button [MENU] (☞ 21)
③ Auto Button [AUTO] (☞ 20)
④ Data Battery Button [DATA] (☞ 17)
⑤ GR-D870 MEMORY/VIDEO Switch (☞ 13)
⑥ Recording Start/Stop Button (☞ 19)
⑦ Zoom Lever [T/W] (☞ 21)/Speaker Volume Control [VOL. +, –] (☞ 21)
⑧ Power Switch [REC, OFF, PLAY]
⑨ Lock Button
⑩ Cassette Open/Eject Switch [OPEN/EJECT] (☞ 18)
⑪ Battery Release Button [BATT.] (☞ 16)
⑫ 16:9 Wide Screen Button [16:9] (☞ 18)/Blank Search [BLANK] (☞ 22)/GR-D870 Index Button [INDEX] (☞ 24)
⑬ Snapshot Button [SNAPSHOT] (☞ 21, 34)/GR-D870 Live Slow Button [SLOW] (☞ 34)

Connectors

⑭ GR-D870 USB (Universal Serial Bus) Connector (☞ 42)
⑮ Digital Video Connector [DV IN/OUT] (i.LINK*) (☞ 41, 42)
* i.LINK refers to the IEEE1394-1995 industry specification and extensions thereof. The i logo is used for products compliant with the i.LINK standard.

The connectors are located beneath the cover.
⑯ Audio/Video Output Connector [AV] (☞ 40)
⑰ DC Input Connector [DC] (☞ 16)

Indicator

⑱ POWER/CHARGE Lamp (☞ 16)

Other parts

⑲ LCD Monitor (☞ 12)
⑳ Shoulder Strap Eyelet (☞ 9)
㉑ Grip Strap (☞ 10)
㉒ Camera Sensor
(Be careful not to cover this area, a sensor necessary for shooting is built-in here.)
㉓ Stereo Microphone
㉔ Lens
㉕ Speaker (☞ 21)
㉖ LED Light (☞ 34)
(Be careful not to cover this area during shooting.)
㉗ Cassette Holder Cover (☞ 18)
㉘ Stud Hole (☞ 10)
㉙ Tripod Mounting Socket (☞ 10)
㉚ Battery Pack Mount (☞ 16)
㉛ Connector Cover
GR-D870
㉜ Memory Card Slot
㉝ Card Cover

Power Switch Position

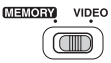
Set the Power Switch while pressing down the lock button.

REC:
- To perform recording on the tape.
- GR-D870 To perform recording in the memory card.

OFF:
To switch off the camcorder.

PLAY:
- To play back a recording on the tape.
- GR-D870 To display a still image stored in the memory card or to transfer a still image stored in the memory card or PC.

GR-D870 **MEMORY/VIDEO Switch Position**

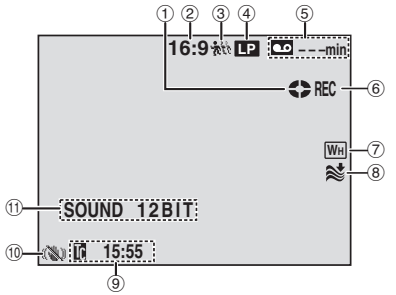


VIDEO:
To record on a tape or play back a tape.

MEMORY:
To record in a memory card or access data stored in a memory card.

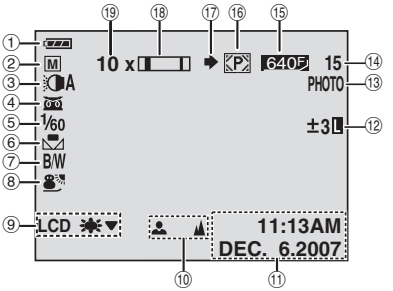
LCD Monitor Indications

During Video Recording Only



① Tape Running Indicator (☞ 19)
(Rotates while tape is running.)
② Selected Wide Mode Indicator (☞ 18)
③ GR-D870 Live Slow Indicator (☞ 34)
④ Recording Speed Mode (SP/LP) (☞ 30)
(only LP indicator is displayed)
⑤ Tape Remaining Time (☞ 19)
⑥ REC: (Appears during recording.) (☞ 19)/
GR-D870 SLOW: (Appears when using Live Slow.) (☞ 34)
⑦ Selected Wipe/Fader Effect Indicator
⑧ Wind Cut Indicator
⑨ Time Code
⑩ Digital Image Stabilizer (“DIS”) (☞ 29)
(only indicator is displayed)
⑪ SOUND 12BIT/16BIT: Sound Mode Indicator (☞ 30) (Appears for approx. 5 seconds after turning on the camcorder.)

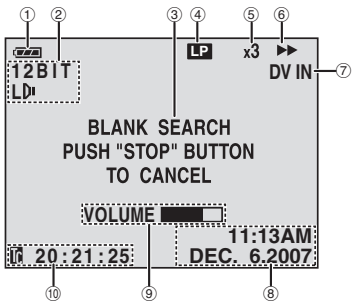
During Both Video And D.S.C. Recording GR-D870



① Battery Remaining Power Indicator (☞ 45)
② Operation Mode (☞ 20)
A : Auto Mode
M : Manual Mode
③ LED Light Indicator (☞ 34)
④ : Night-Alive Indicator (☞ 39)
A : Gain Up Mode (☞ 29)
⑤ Shutter Speed (☞ 39)
⑥ White Balance Indicator (☞ 37)
⑦ Selected Effect Indicator (☞ 39)
⑧ Selected Program AE Indicator (☞ 38)
⑨ LCD ▼/▲ : LCD Backlight Indicator (☞ 31)
(Appears for approx. 5 seconds during process of switching over to indoor/outdoor brightness.)
⑩ Manual Focus Adjustment Indicator (☞ 35)
⑪ Date/Time (☞ 17)
⑫ : Spot Exposure Control Indicator (☞ 36)
: Backlight Compensation Indicator (☞ 36)
± : Exposure Adjustment Indicator (☞ 35)
L : Iris Lock Indicator (☞ 36)
⑬ PHOTO: (Appears when taking Snapshot.)
⑭ GR-D870 Remaining Number Of Shots (☞ 23) (Displays the approximate remaining number of shots that can be stored during D.S.C. recording.)
⑮ GR-D870 Image Quality: FINE 640F and STANDARD 640S (in order of quality) (☞ 23, 30)

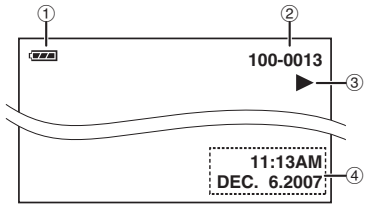
⑯ GR-D870 Card Icon (☞ 23)
[P] : Appears during shooting.
[M] : Blinks in white when a memory card is not loaded.
⑰ GR-D870 Shooting Icon
(Appears and blinks during shooting.)
⑱ Zoom Indicator (☞ 21)
⑲ Approximate Zoom Ratio (☞ 21)

During Video Playback



① Battery Remaining Power Indicator (☞ 45)
② Sound Mode Indicator (☞ 30)
③ Blank Search Indicator (☞ 22)
④ Tape Speed (SP/LP) (☞ 30)
(only LP indicator is displayed)
⑤ Variable Search Speed Indicator: x-10, x-3, x3 and x10 (☞ 22)
⑥ ▶ : Playback
▶▶ : Fast-Forward/Shuttle Search
◀◀ : Rewind/Shuttle Search
❚❚ : Pause
⑦ DV IN : DV Input Indicator (☞ 41, 42)
⑧ Date/Time (☞ 17)
⑨ VOLUME: Volume Level Indicator (☞ 21)
⑩ Time Code (☞ 20, 31)

GR-D870 During D.S.C. Playback

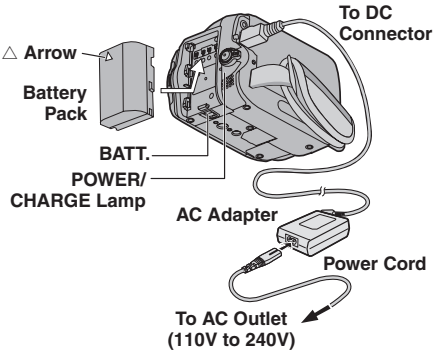


① Battery Remaining Power Indicator (☞ 45)
② Folder/File Number
③ Operation Mode Indicator
④ Date/Time

Power

Charging The Battery Pack

1 Set the Power Switch to "**OFF**" (☞ 13).



2 Attach the battery pack.
- With the "△" (arrow) on the battery pack pointing at the correct direction, slide the battery pack until it locks in place.

3 Connect the AC adapter.
- The POWER/CHARGE lamp on the camcorder blinks to indicate charging has started.
- When the POWER/CHARGE lamp goes out, charging is finished. Unplug the AC adapter from the AC outlet and disconnect the AC adapter from the camcorder.

To Detach The Battery Pack

Slide the battery pack while pressing **BATT.** to detach it.

Charging/Recording Time (approx.)

Battery Pack	Required Charging Time	Maximum Continuous Recording Time
BN-VF808U (Provided)	1 hr. 30 min.	2 hrs.
BN-VF815U	2 hrs. 40 min.	4 hrs. 5 min.
BN-VF823U	3 hrs. 50 min.	6 hrs. 10 min.

Notes:
- If a fully charged battery pack is attached to the unit, POWER/CHARGE lamp will blink for approx. 10 seconds before it turns off.
- If the battery operation time remains extremely short even after having been fully charged, the battery is worn out and needs to be replaced. Please purchase a new one.
- Since the AC Adapter processes electricity internally, it becomes warm during use. Be sure to use it only in well-ventilated areas.
- After 5 minutes have elapsed in Record-Standby mode with the cassette inserted and no operation is performed, the camcorder will automatically turn off its power supplied from the AC adapter. In this case, the battery charge starts if the battery is attached to the camcorder.
- Please do not pull or bend the AC adapter plug and cable. This may damage the AC adapter.

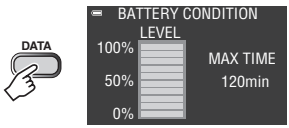
Using The Battery Pack

Perform step 2 in "Charging The Battery Pack".

Notes:
- Recording time is reduced significantly under the following conditions:
  - Zoom or Record-Standby mode is engaged repeatedly.
  - The playback mode is engaged repeatedly.
  - The LED Light is used.
- Before extended use, it is recommended that you prepare enough battery packs to cover 3 times the planned shooting time.

Checking the Remaining Battery Power

Attach the battery pack.



- When the Power Switch is set to "**OFF**", it is displayed for approx. 5 seconds if the button is pressed and released quickly, and for approx. 15 seconds if the button is pressed and hold for several seconds.
- When the Power Switch is set to "**PLAY**" or "**REC**", press **DATA** again to return to the normal screen.
- Data battery status cannot be displayed during playback or while recording is in progress.
- If "COMMUNICATION ERROR" appears instead of the battery status even though you tried to press **DATA** several times, there may be a problem with your battery. In such a case, consult your nearest JVC dealer.
- Battery data display may differ due to the environment change if the LCD Backlight is set to "AUTO". (☞ 31)

Using AC Power

Perform step 3 in "Charging The Battery Pack" (☞ 16).

Attention:
Before detaching the power source, make sure that the camcorder's power is turned off. Failure to do so can result in a camcorder malfunction.

Language Settings

The language on the display can be changed (☞ 28, 32).

1 Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" or "**PLAY**". (☞ 13)
- If set to "**REC**", the recording mode should be set to "M" (☞ 20).

2 Press **MENU**.

3 Select "SETTING" ( ).

4 Select "LANGUAGE", press **SET**.

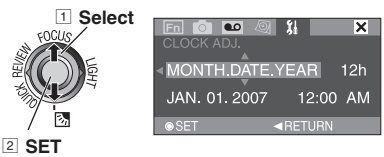
5 Select the desired language, press **SET**.
- Press < whenever you want to return to the previous menu screen.

6 Press **MENU**.

Date/Time Settings

The date/time is recorded onto the tape at all times, but its display can be turned on or off (☞ 28, 32).
Perform steps 1 – 3 in "Language Settings".

1 Select "CLOCK ADJ.", press **SET**.



2 Select the desired date display format, press **SET**.
- Repeat this step to input time display format (Select from "24h" or "12h"), month, date, year, hour and minutes.
- Press < whenever you want to return to the previous menu setting.

3 Press **MENU**.

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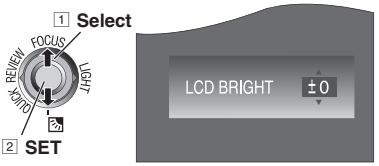
Brightness Adjustment Of The Display

Perform steps 1 – 2 in “Language Settings” (☞ 17).

1 Select “DISPLAY” (⚙).

2 Select “LCD BRIGHT”, press **SET**.



3 Select the appropriate brightness, press **SET**.
- Press ❮ whenever you want to return to the previous menu screen.

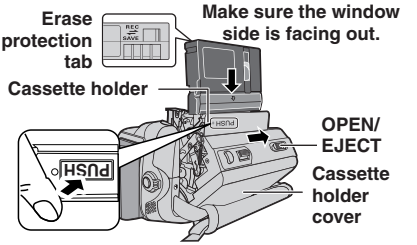
4 Press **MENU**.

Loading/Unloading A Cassette

The camcorder needs to be powered up to load or eject a cassette.

1 Slide and hold **OPEN/EJECT** in the direction of the arrow, then pull the cassette holder cover open until it locks.

2 Insert or remove a tape and press “PUSH” to close cassette holder.
- Be sure to press only the section labeled “PUSH” to close the cassette holder.
- Once the cassette holder is closed, it recedes automatically. Wait until it recedes completely before closing the cassette holder cover.
- When the battery pack’s charge is low, you may not be able to close the cassette holder cover. Do not apply force. Replace the battery pack with a fully charged one or use AC power before continuing.



3 Close the cassette holder cover firmly until it locks into place.

Notes:
- If you wait a few seconds and the cassette holder does not open, close the cassette holder cover and try again. Turn the camcorder off then on again.
- If the tape does not load properly, open the cassette holder cover fully and remove the cassette. A few minutes later, insert it again.
- When the camcorder is suddenly moved from a cold place to a warm environment, wait a short time before opening the cassette holder cover.

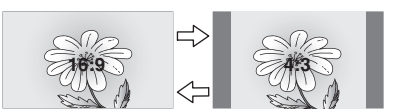
16:9 Wide Mode

You can record videos at 4:3 size and 16:9 size. By default, the camcorder is set to record videos at the 16:9 size.

1 GR-D870 Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to “**VIDEO**” (☞ 13).

2 Set the Power Switch to “**REC**” (☞ 13).

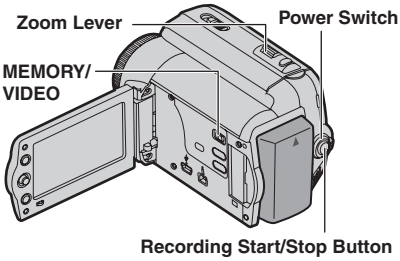
3 Each press **16:9** switches the screen size.



Note:
If you record videos in 16:9 size, the image may appear to be slightly vertically stretched when playing back on TV with the 4:3 screen.
(☞ 28, 31)

Basic Recording

Preparation:
- Power (☞ 16).
- Load a cassette (☞ 18).
- Remove the lens cap (☞ 9).
- Open the LCD monitor fully (☞ 12).
- Select videos at 4:3 size or 16:9 (wide) size (☞ 18).



1. GR-D870 Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to "**VIDEO**" (☞ 13).
2. Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).
3. Press the Recording Start/Stop button to start recording. "REC" appears on the display while recording is in progress. To stop recording, press the Recording Start/Stop button again.

Approximate recording time

Tape	Recording mode	
	SP	LP
30 min.	30 min.	45 min.
60 min.	60 min.	90 min.
80 min.	80 min.	120 min.

Notes:
- If the Record-Standby mode continues for 5 minutes and no operation is performed, the camcorder's power shuts off automatically. To turn the camcorder on again, close and re-open the LCD monitor.
- When a blank portion is left between recorded scenes on the tape, the time code is interrupted and errors may occur when editing the tape. To avoid this, refer to "Recording From The Middle Of A Tape" (☞ 20).
- To record in LP (Long Play) mode, ☞ 30.

NO TAPE!

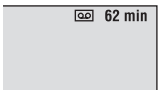
Appears if a tape is not loaded when the Recording Start/Stop Button is pressed.

⊗ USE CLEANING CASSETTE

Appears if dirt is detected on the heads during recording. Use an optional cleaning cassette (☞ 4).

Tape Remaining Time

Approximate tape remaining time appears on the display. "– – – min" means the camcorder is calculating the remaining time. When the remaining time reaches 2 minutes, the indication starts blinking.



- The accuracy of the calculation, may vary according to the type of tape used.

Quick Review

Enables you to check the end of the last recording.

Tape is rewound for about several seconds and played back automatically, then pauses in the Recording-Standby mode for the next shot.
- Distortion may occur at start of playback. This is normal.
- Slide the Zoom lever repeatedly to change the sound to on/off.

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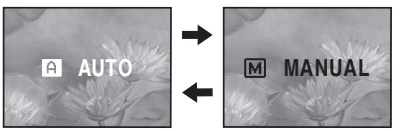
Auto/Manual Mode

Press **AUTO** button repeatedly to switch to auto/manual recording mode. When manual mode is selected, the indicator "M" appears on the LCD monitor.

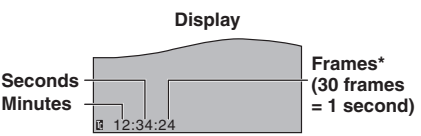
Auto Mode : A
You can record using no special effects or manual adjustments.

Manual Mode : M
Recording is possible by setting various functions manually.



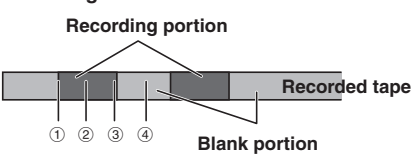
Time Code

During recording, a time code is recorded on the tape. This code is to confirm the location of the recorded scene on the tape during playback.



*** Frames are not displayed during recording.**

Recording Start Point



①, ③ & ④, time code begins counting from "00:00:00" (minute:second:frame).
②, time code continues from the last time code number.
If during recording a blank portion is left partway through the tape, the time code is interrupted. When recording is resumed, the time code starts counting up again from "00:00:00". To prevent this, perform Recording From The Middle Of A Tape (☞ 20) in the following cases;

- When shooting again after playing back a recorded tape.
- When power shuts off during shooting.
- When a tape is removed and re-inserted during shooting.
- When shooting using a partially recorded tape.
- When shooting again after shooting a scene then opening/closing the cassette holder cover.

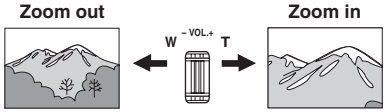
Notes:

- The time code cannot be reset.
- During fast-forwarding and rewinding, the time code indication does not move smoothly.
- The time code is displayed only when "TIME CODE" is set to "ON". (☞ 31)

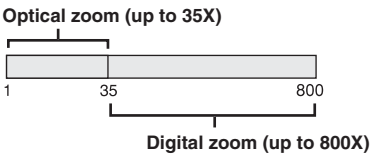
Recording From The Middle Of A Tape

1. Play back a tape or use Blank Search (☞ 22) to find the spot at which you want to start recording, then engage the Still Playback mode (☞ 21).
2. Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13), then start recording.

Zoom



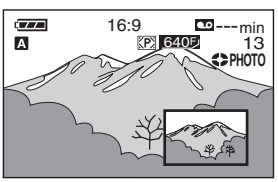
- You can zoom in up to 35X by using the optical zoom.
- Zoom magnification over 35X is done through digital image processing, and is therefore called digital zoom. Digital zooming is possible up to 800X. Set (ZOOM) to [70X] or [800X] (☞ 29).



Notes:
- Macro shooting is possible as close as approx. 5 cm to the subject when the zoom lever is set all the way to "W".
- When you zoom into a subject close to the lens, the camcorder may automatically zoom out depending on the distance to the subject. In this case, set "TELE MACRO" to "ON" (☞ 29).

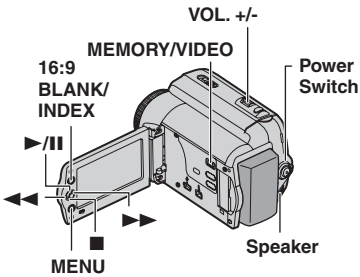
GR-D870 Dual Rec.

You can capture still images without disturbing the recording in progress. Press **SNAPSHOT**.



A sub screen will be displayed for approx. 6 seconds to show you the snapshot image.
- The Still image is saved into the memory card while video is recorded onto the cassette tape.
- "REC MEDIA" must be set to "➡ Ⓜ (Card)" only. (☞ 30)

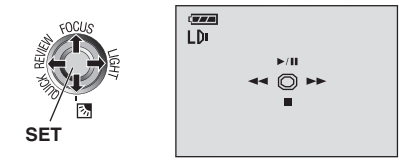
Normal Playback



1 Load a cassette (☞ 18).

2 GR-D870 Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to "**VIDEO**" (☞ 13).

3 Set the Power Switch to "**PLAY**" (☞ 13).



- The above screen (referring to the control lever (☞ 8)) will be displayed for approx. 3 seconds on the LCD Monitor.

4 To start playback, press ►/ II.
To pause during playback, press ►/ II.
- If still playback continues for more than about 3 minutes, the camcorder's Stop mode is automatically engaged.

To resume normal playback, press ►/ II.
To stop playback, press ■.
- During Stop mode, press ◄◄ to rewind, or ►► to fast-forward the tape.
- Press **SET** to display the guide operation screen.

To control the speaker volume
Slide the Zoom Lever (**VOL. +/–**) towards "**+**" to turn up the volume, or towards "**–**" to turn down the volume.

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Notes:
- The playback picture can be viewed in the LCD monitor or on a connected TV (☞ 40).
- If Stop mode continues for 5 minutes when power is supplied from a battery, the camcorder shuts off automatically.
- When a cable is connected to the AV connector, the sound is not heard from the speaker.

HDV

Appears when pictures recorded in the HDV format are detected. The pictures in the HDV format cannot be played back with this camcorder.

Variable Shuttle Search

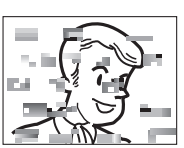
Allows variable-speed search in either direction during video playback.
During playback, press ►► once or twice for forward search, or ◄◄ once or twice for reverse search.

◄◄		►►	
x-10	x-3	x3	x10

- To resume normal playback, press ►/ II.
  - During playback, press and hold ►► or ◄◄. The search continues as long as you hold the button. Once you release the button, normal playback resumes.

Attention:
During Shuttle Search, parts of the picture may not be clearly visible, particularly on the left side of the screen.

During Shuttle Search, parts of the picture may not be clearly visible across the screen.



Blank Search

Helps you find where you should start recording in the middle of a tape to avoid time code interruption (☞ 20).

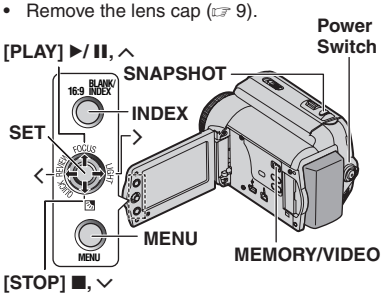
1 Perform steps ***1*** – ***3*** in "Normal Playback" (☞ 21).

2 Press **BLANK**.
- The "BLANK SEARCH" indication appears and the camcorder automatically starts reverse or forward search, then stops at the spot which is about 3 seconds of tape before the beginning of the detected blank portion.
- To cancel Blank Search, press ■ or **BLANK**.

Notes:
- Before starting Blank Search, if the current position is at a blank portion, the camcorder searches in the reverse direction. If the current position is at a recorded portion, the camcorder searches in the forward direction.
- If the beginning or end of the tape is reached during Blank Search, the camcorder stops automatically.
- A blank portion which is shorter than 5 seconds of tape may not be detected.
- The detected blank portion may be located between recorded scenes. Before you start recording, make sure there is no recorded scene after the blank portion.

This operating instruction (☞ 23 - 27) is applicable to model GR-870.

Preparation:
- Power (☞ 16).
- Open the LCD monitor fully (☞ 12).
- Load a Memory Card (☞ 11).
- Remove the lens cap (☞ 9).



D.S.C. Snapshot

You can use your camcorder as a Digital Still Camera for taking snapshots. Still images are stored in the memory card.

1. Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to "**MEMORY**".
2. Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).
   - To change the Image Quality, (☞ 30).
3. Press **SNAPSHOT**. The "PHOTO" indication appears while the snapshot is being taken.
   - To delete unwanted still images, refer to "Deleting Files" (☞ 26).
   - When you do not want to hear the shutter sound, set "MELODY" to "OFF" (☞ 32).

Note:
If shooting is not performed for approx. 5 minutes when the Power Switch is set to "**REC**" and power is supplied from the battery pack, the camcorder shuts off automatically to save power. To perform shooting again close and re-open the LCD monitor.

CHECK CARD'S WRITE PROTECTION SWITCH

Appears when you attempt to shoot digital still images when the write protection tab on the SD Memory Card is set to the "LOCK" position.

MEMORY CARD!

Appears if there is no memory card loaded when the **SNAPSHOT** Button is pressed.

Approximate Number of Storable Images
- The number increases or decreases depending on the Image Quality, etc.

Image Quality	SD Memory Card								
	8 MB	16 MB	32 MB	64 MB	128 MB	256 MB	512 MB	1GB	2GB
640 x 480/FINE 640 x 360/FINE	47	95	205	425	860	1700	3350	6800	12200
640 x 480/ STANDARD 640 x 360/ STANDARD	160	295	625	1285	2500	5180	10000	20500	30600

Image Quality	MultiMedia Card		
	8 MB	16 MB	32 MB
640 x 480/FINE 640 x 360/FINE	55	105	215
640 x 480/ STANDARD 640 x 360/ STANDARD	190	320	645

Attention:
When using a high-capacity SD card, it takes time to start recording after the power is turned on if the free space on the SD card is small.
Check the recording operation before use, and if you still feel it takes too long to record, reduce the used area on your SD card by transferring the data from your SD card to a computer.

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Normal Playback Of Images

Images shot with the camcorder are automatically numbered, then stored in numerical order in the memory card. You can view the stored images, one at a time, much like flipping through a photo album.

1. Perform "Preparation" in "D.S.C. Snapshot". (☞ 23)
2. Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to "**MEMORY**". (☞ 13)
3. Set the Power Switch to "**PLAY**". (☞ 13)
   - A stored image is displayed.
4. Press ❮ to display the previous file. Press ❯ to display the next file.

Note:
Images shot and stored on the card with another device with resolutions other than "640 x 480" will be displayed as thumbnails only. These thumbnail images cannot be transferred to a PC.

NO IMAGES STORED

Appears if there are no image files stored in the memory card when you attempt memory card playback.

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Appears when playing back a file that is not compatible with DCF or a file with a size that is not compatible with this camcorder.

Auto Playback Of Images

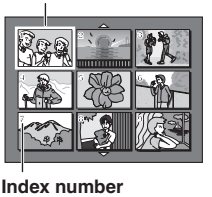
You can run through all the images stored in memory card automatically.

1. Perform steps 1–3 in "Normal Playback Of Images".
2. Press ►/II to start Auto Playback.
   - If you press ❮ during Auto Playback, files are displayed in descending order.
   - If you press ❯ during Auto Playback, files are displayed in ascending order.
3. To end Auto Playback, press ■.

Index Playback Of Files

You can view several different files stored in the memory card at a time. This browsing capability makes it easy to locate a particular file you want.

1. Perform steps 1–3 in "Normal Playback Of Images".
2. Press **INDEX**. The Index Screen appears.
3. Press ❯, ❮, ❮ or ❯ to move the frame to the desired file.
4. Press **SET**. The selected file is displayed.



Removing On-Screen Display

1. Perform steps 1–3 in "Normal Playback Of Images".
2. Press **MENU**.
3. Select "DISPLAY" ( ).
4. Select "ON SCREEN", press **SET**. The ON SCREEN menu appears.
   - Press ❮ whenever you want to return to the previous menu screen.
5. Select "OFF", press **SET**.

6. Press **MENU**.
   - The operation mode indicator, folder/file number, date/time and battery remaining power indicator disappear.
   - To display the indicators again, select "ON".

Resetting The File Name

By resetting the file name, a new folder will be made. The new files you are going to make will be stored in the new folder. It is convenient to separate the new files from previously made files.

1 Perform steps 1–3 in "Normal Playback Of Images" (☞ 24).

2 Press **MENU**.

3 Select "MEMORY CARD" (🖴).

4 Select "NO.RESET", press **SET**. The NO. RESET screen appears.

5 Select "EXECUTE", press **SET**. The new folder (such as "101JVCGR") will be made and the file name of the next shot starts from DVC00001.

Note:
If the file name reaches DVC09999, a new folder (such as "101JVCGR") will be made and the file name will start again from DVC00001.

Protecting Files

The Protect mode helps prevent the accidental erasure of files.

1 Perform steps 1–3 in "Normal Playback Of Images" (☞ 24).

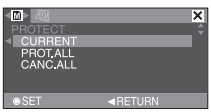
2 Press **MENU**.

3 Select "MEMORY CARD" (🖴).

4 Select "PROTECT", press **SET**. The PROTECT menu appears.
- Press < whenever you want to return to the previous menu screen.

To protect the currently displayed file

5 Select "CURRENT", press SET. The PROTECT screen appears.



6 Press < or > to select the desired file.

7 Select "EXECUTE", press **SET**.
- To cancel protection, select "RETURN".
- Repeat steps 6 and 7 for all files you want to protect.

To protect all files stored in the memory card

5 Select "PROT.ALL", press **SET**. The PROTECT screen appears.

6 Select "EXECUTE", press **SET**.
- To cancel protection, select "RETURN".

Note:
If the "🔑" mark appears, the currently displayed file is protected.

To Remove Protection

Before doing the following, perform steps 1–4 in "Protecting Files".

To remove protection from the currently displayed file

5 Select "CURRENT", press **SET**. The PROTECT screen appears.

6 Press < or > to select the desired file.

7 Select "EXECUTE", press **SET**.
- To cancel selection, select "RETURN".
- Repeat steps 6 and 7 for all files you want to remove protection.

To remove protection from all files stored in the memory card

5 Select "CANC.ALL", press **SET**. The PROTECT screen appears.

6 Select "EXECUTE", press **SET**.
- To cancel selection, select "RETURN".

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Deleting Files

Previously stored files can be deleted either one at a time or all at once.

1 Perform steps 1–3 in “Normal Playback Of Images” (☞ 24).

2 Press **MENU**.

3 Select “MEMORY CARD” (🖴).

4 Select “DELETE”, press **SET**. The DELETE Menu appears.
- Press < whenever you want to return to the previous menu screen.

To delete the currently displayed file

5 Select “CURRENT”, press **SET**. The DELETE screen appears.

6 Press < or > to select the desired file.

7 Select “EXECUTE”, press **SET**.
- To cancel deletion, select “RETURN”.
- Repeat steps 6 and 7 for all files you want to delete.

Note:
If the “🔑” mark appears, the selected file is protected and cannot be deleted.

To delete all files stored in the memory card

5 Select “ALL”, press **SET**. The DELETE screen appears.

6 Select “EXECUTE”, press **SET**.
- To cancel deletion, select “RETURN”.

Notes:
- Protected files (☞ 25) cannot be deleted. To delete them, remove protection first.
- Once files are deleted, they cannot be restored. Check files before deleting.

Setting Print Information (DPOF Setting)*

This camcorder is compatible with the DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) standard in order to support future systems such as automatic printing.

* Up to a maximum limit of 999 stored files in the memory card.

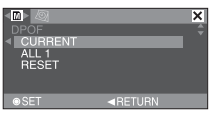
To Print All Still Images (One Print For Each)

1 Perform steps 1–3 in “Normal Playback Of Images” (☞ 24).

2 Press **MENU**.

3 Select “MEMORY CARD” (🖴).

4 Select “DPOF”, press **SET**. The DPOF Menu appears.
- Press < whenever you want to return to the previous menu screen.



5 Select “ALL 1”, press **SET**. The DPOF screen appears.

6 Select “EXECUTE”, press **SET**.
- To cancel selection, select “RETURN”.

To Print By Selecting Still Images And Number Of Prints

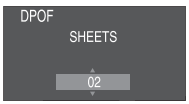
1 Perform steps 1–4 in “To Print All Still Images (One Print For Each)” (☞ 26).

2 Select “CURRENT”, press **SET**. The DPOF screen appears.

3 Press ‹ or › to select the desired file.

4 Press ∨ or ∧ to select the number indication (00), and press **SET**.

5 Select the number of prints by pressing ∧ to increase the number, or ∨ to decrease the number, and press **SET**.



- Repeat steps 3 through 5 for the desired number of prints.
- The number of prints can be set up to 15.
- To correct the number of prints, select the image again and change the number.

6 Select “RETURN”, press **SET**. The “SAVE?” appears.

- If you did not change any settings in step 3 through 5, the DPOF Menu reappears.

7 Select “EXECUTE”, press **SET**.
- To cancel selection, select “CANCEL”.

To Reset The Number Of Prints

1 Perform steps 1–4 in “To Print All Still Images (One Print For Each)” (☞ 26).

2 Select “RESET”, press **SET**. The DPOF screen appears.

3 Select “EXECUTE”, press **SET**.
- To cancel selection, select “RETURN”.
- The number of prints is reset to 0 for all still images.

Caution:
While performing the above, never disconnect power, as this may cause the memory card to be corrupted.

Note:
When the image is printed from the printer, a black bar appears at the bottom of the screen. This is not a malfunction. By recording with “DIS” deactivated (☞ 29) this can be avoided.

Initializing A Memory Card

You can initialize a memory card any time. After initializing, all files and data stored in the memory card, including those which have been protected, are cleared.

1 Perform steps 1–3 in “Normal Playback Of Images” (☞ 24).

2 Press **MENU**.

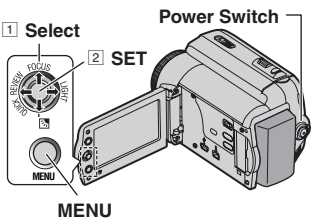
3 Select “MEMORY CARD” (🖴).

4 Select “FORMAT”, press **SET**. The FORMAT menu appears.

5 Select “EXECUTE”, press **SET**. The memory card is initialized.
- When initialization is finished, “NO IMAGES STORED” appears.
- To cancel initialization, select “CANCEL”.

Changing The Menu Settings

This camcorder is equipped with an easy-to-use, on-screen menu system that simplifies many of the more detailed camcorder settings (☞ 28 – 33).



1 Open the LCD monitor fully. (☞ 12)

2 **For Video and** GR-D870 **D.S.C. Recording Menus:**

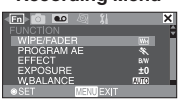
- GR-D870 Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to "**VIDEO**" or "**MEMORY**".
- Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).
- Set the recording mode to "M" (☞ 20).

For Video Playback Menus:

- GR-D870 Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to "**VIDEO**". (☞ 13)
- Set the Power Switch to "**PLAY**" (☞ 13).
- GR-D870 For D.S.C. Playback Menu, refer to "D.S.C. Recording & Playback". (☞ 23)

3 Press **MENU**. The Menu Screen appears.

Screen for Video and GR-D870 D.S.C. Recording Menu



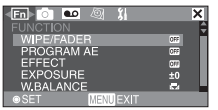
Screen for Video Playback Menu

(RECORDING) is available for Video Recording Menu only.

* Applicable for GR-D870 only.

4 Press ❮ or ❯ to select the desired function menu. Setting procedure hereafter depends on the selected function.

Example: FUNCTION menu.



- Select "☒" and then press **SET** to exit.

5 Press ∧ or ∨ to select the desired selection, press **SET**.

Example: WIPE/FADER menu.

1 **Select**

2 **SET**

6 Press ∧ or ∨ to select the desired selection, press **SET**.

- Press ❮ to return to the previous menu screen.

7 Press **MENU**.

Note:

Repeat the procedure if you wish to set other function menus.

Recording Menus

- The following menu settings can be changed only when the Power Switch is set to "**REC**".
- GR-D870 Each setting (except "EFFECT" and "SHUTTER") which is set in Video Recording Menu is also applied in the D.S.C Recording Menu.

	Menus	Settings: [ ] = Factory-preset
FUNCTION	**WIPE/FADER***	(☞ 38), "Wipe or Fader Effects".
	PROGRAM AE	(☞ 38, 39), "Program AE, Effects And Shutter Effects".
	EFFECT	(☞ 38, 39), "Program AE, Effects And Shutter Effects".
	EXPOSURE	(☞ 35), "Exposure Control".
	W. BALANCE	(☞ 37), "White Balance Adjustment".
	SHUTTER	(☞ 38, 39), "Program AE, Effects And Shutter Effects".
CAMERA	**ZOOM***	**[35X]:** When set to "35X" while using digital zoom, the zoom magnification will reset to 35X since digital zoom will be disengaged. **70X:** Allows you to use the Digital Zoom. By digitally processing and magnifying images, zooming is possible from 35X (the optical zoom limit), to a maximum of 70X digital magnification. **800X:** Allows you to use the Digital Zoom. By digitally processing and magnifying images, zooming is possible from 35X (the optical zoom limit), to a maximum of 800X digital magnification.
	TELE MACRO	**[OFF]:** Disables the function. **ON:** When the distance to the subject is less than 1 m, set "TELE MACRO" to "ON". You can shoot a subject as large as possible at a distance of approx. 50 cm. Depending on the zoom position, the lens may go out of focus.
	DIS*	**OFF :** Disables the function. (DIS disable icon "" appears.) **[ON]:** To compensate for unstable images caused by camera-shake, particularly at high magnification. **Notes:** • Accurate stabilization may not be possible if hand shake is excessive, or depending on the shooting condition. • Switch off this mode when recording with the camcorder on a tripod. • DIS cannot be activated when "NIGHT" in "PROGRAM AE", or "STROBE" in "EFFECT" is selected or when **LIGHT** is set to on or when **SNAPSHOT** is pressed.
	GAIN UP	**OFF:** Allows you to shoot dark scenes with no picture brightness adjustment. **[AGC]:** The overall appearance may be grainy, but the image is bright. **AUTO A:** The shutter speed is automatically adjusted. Shooting a subject in low or poor lighting at slow shutter speed provides a brighter image than in the AGC mode, but the subject's movements are not smooth or natural. The overall appearance may be grainy. While the shutter speed is being automatically adjusted, "A" is displayed.

* GR-D870 Available only when the **MEMORY/VIDEO** switch is set to **"VIDEO"**.

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	Menus	Settings: [ ] = Factory-preset
CAMERA	**WIND CUT***	**[OFF]:** Disengages the function. **ON:** Helps cut down on noise created by wind. The "≋" indicator appears. The quality of the sound will change. This is normal.
	GR-D870 **IMAGE QUALITY**	**[FINE (640F)]/STANDARD (640S)** The Image Quality mode can be selected to best match your needs. For the approx. number of storable images, (☞ 23)
RECORDING	**REC MODE**	**[SP]:** To record in the SP (Standard Play) mode. (SP indicator does not appear on the screen.) **LP:** Long Play—more economical, providing 1.5 times the recording time. **Note:** During playback of a tape recorded on another camcorder, blocks of noise may appear or there may be momentary pauses in the sound.
	SOUND MODE	**[12BIT]:** Enables video recording of stereo sound on four separate channels. (Equivalent to the 32 kHz mode of previous models). **16BIT:** Enables video recording of stereo sound on two separate channels. (Equivalent to the 48 kHz mode of previous models).
	GR-D870 **SNAP/SLOW**	**[SNAP 📷]:** Snapshot mode. **SLOW 🚶:** Live Slow mode. For details on the procedure, refer to "Live Slow" (☞ 34) and Snapshot (Record Still Image On Tape)" (☞ 34).
	GR-D870 **REC MEDIA**	When Snapshot recording is performed, ➡ 📼 (Tape): Still images are recorded only onto the tape. ➡ 📼 / ➡ Ⓜ (Tape/Card): Still images are recorded not only onto the tape but also in the memory card (640 x 480 pixels). [➡ Ⓜ](Card): Still images are recorded into the Memory Card only. Select this setting to perform Dual Rec. (☞ 21)

📼 (RECORDING) is available for Video Recording Menu only.

*GR-D870 Available only when the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch is set to **"VIDEO"**.

The “DISPLAY” settings (except “WIDE TV” and “LCD BRIGHT”) are effective only for shooting.

	Menus	Settings: [ ] = Factory-preset
DISPLAY	**ON SCREEN**	**LCD:** Keeps the camcorder’s display (except the date, time and time code) from appearing on the connected TV screen. **[LCD/TV]:** Makes the camcorder’s display appear on screen when the camcorder is connected to a TV.
	DATE/TIME	**[OFF]:** The date/time does not appear. **AUTO:** Display the date/time for approx. 5 seconds when the camcorder is turned on. **ON:** The date/time is always displayed.
	TIME CODE*	**[OFF]:** Time code is not displayed. **ON:** Time code is displayed on the camcorder and on the connected TV. Frame numbers are not displayed during recording. (☞ 20)
	WIDE TV	To enable your tv to display images in 16:9 wide mode, set the tv screen size correctly. **[ON] 16:9:** For TV with an aspect ratio of 16:9. (only 16:9 indicator appears on the screen.) **OFF 4:3:** For TV with an aspect ratio 4:3.
	LCD BRIGHT	☞ 18, “Brightness Adjustment Of The Display”.
	LCD BACKLIGHT	**[AUTO]:** Brightness of the LCD Backlight is automatically adjusted to compensate for the indoor/outdoor brightness of your surrounding. **BRIGHT ▬:** Brightness of the LCD Backlight is increased. **STANDARD ▨:** Standard brightness is maintained.

* GR-D870 Available only when the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch is set to **“VIDEO”**.

The “SETTING” functions which are set when the Power Switch is set to “**REC**” are also applied when the Power Switch is set to “**PLAY**”.

	Menus	Settings: [ ] = Factory-preset
SETTING	**LANGUAGE**	日本語 / 한국어 / 繁體字 / **ENGLISH / FRANCAIS / ESPAÑOL / [PORTUGUÊS]** The language setting can be changed. (☞ 17)
	CLOCK ADJ.	☞ 17, “Date/Time Settings”.
	MELODY	**OFF:** Even though not heard while shooting, shutter sound is recorded on the tape. **[ON]:** A melody sounds when any operation is performed. It also activates the shutter sound effect.

	DEMO MODE	**OFF:** Automatic demonstration will not take place.
		[ON]: Demonstrates certain functions such as Wipe/Fader and Effects, etc., and can be used to confirm how these functions operate.
		Notes:
		• Demonstration starts in the following cases:
		  • When the Menu Screen is closed after “DEMO MODE” is turned “ON”.
		  • With “DEMO MODE” set to “ON”, if there is no operation for about 3 minutes after the Power Switch is set to “**REC**”.
		  • Performing any operation during the demonstration stops the demonstration temporarily. If no operation is performed for more than 3 minutes after that, the demonstration will resume.
		• Demonstration cannot be turned on in the following conditions;
		  • If a cassette is in the camcorder.
		  • If power is not supplied from the AC Adapter.
		• “DEMO MODE” remains “ON” even if the camcorder power is turned off.

	CAM RESET	**[CANCEL]:** Does not reset all settings to the factory-preset. **EXECUTE:** Resets all settings to the factory-preset.

Playback Menus

The settings below are effective only for video playback except “REC MODE” and “SNAP/SLOW”.

SOUND L/R and NARRATION

During tape playback, the camcorder detects the sound mode in which the recording was made, and plays the sound back. Select the sound to accompany your playback picture.

	Menus	Settings: [ ] = Factory-preset
PLAYBACK	**SOUND L/R**	**[STEREO]:** Sound is output on both “L” and “R” channels in stereo. **SOUND L:** Sound from the “L” channel is output. **SOUND R:** Sound from the “R” channel is output.
	NARRATION	GR-D850 Although it is not possible to perform audio dubbing with this camcorder, you can hear sound from an audio-dubbed tape during playback using this function. **[OFF]:** Original sound is output on both “L” and “R” channels in stereo. **ON:** Dubbed sound is output on both “L” and “R” channels in stereo. **MIX:** Original and dubbed sounds are combined and output in stereo on both “L” and “R” channels.
	GR-D870 **SNAP/SLOW**	☞ 30, “SNAP/SLOW”.
DUB/COPY	**REC MODE**	☞ 30, “REC MODE”.
	GR-D870 **[T]➡[M] COPY**	**[OFF]:** When the **SNAPSHOT** button is pressed during tape playback, the playback image pauses and normal playback will resume after approximately 6 seconds. (The still image is not recorded.) **ON:** Enables dubbing of images recorded on a tape to a memory card.

Each setting (except “OFF” in “ON SCREEN”, “DATE/TIME” and “TIME CODE”) is linked with “DISPLAY”, which appears when the Power Switch is set to “**REC**”.

The parameters (except “OFF” in “ON SCREEN” setting) are the same as in the description on ☞ 31.

	Menus	Settings: [ ] = Factory-preset
DISPLAY	**ON SCREEN**	**OFF / [LCD] / LCD/TV** When set to “OFF”, the camcorder’s display disappears.
	DATE/TIME	**[OFF] / AUTO / ON**
	TIME CODE	**[OFF] / ON** ☞ 20, “Time Code”
	WIDE TV	**[ON] 16:9/ OFF 4:3** ☞ 31, “WIDE TV”
	LCD BRIGHT	☞ 18, “Brightness Adjustment Of The Display”

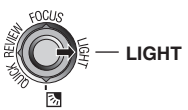
SETTING

Each setting (except “DEMO MODE”) is linked with “SETTING”, which appears when the Power Switch is set to “**REC**”.

The parameters are the same as in the description on ☞ 32.

LED Light

LED Light can be used to brighten the subject in the dark place during video recording or GR-D870 D.S.C. shooting.



LED Light

Press **LIGHT** repeatedly to change the setting.

	The light is on always.
A	The light turns on automatically when dark.
No display	Disables this function.

Notes:
- Be careful not to point the LED Light directly to eyes.
- If the light does not reach the subject when the LED Light setting is “ON”, the Night-Alive function will be activated, and makes it possible to shoot the subject brighter.
- Since subjects are shot at a reduced shutter speed when the LED Light setting is “ON”, they will appear slightly blurred.

GR-D870 Live Slow

This feature is useful for recording or playing back precious or hard-to-see moments at a slow speed. Sound is recorded and played back in real time.

1 Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to “**VIDEO**”.

2 Set the Power Switch to “**REC**” or “**PLAY**”.
- If set to “**REC**”, the recording mode should be set to “M” (☞ 20).

3 Set “SNAP/SLOW” to “SLOW” (☞ 30, 33). The Live Slow indicator “” appears.

4 Press **SLOW** during recording or playback.
- The moving pictures are divided into four frames. They are recorded or played back for 1.5 seconds, and then normal recording or playback resumes.

Note:
Live Slow cannot be used when the 16:9 Wide mode is selected.

Snapshot (Record Still Image On Tape)

This feature lets you record still images that look like photographs onto a tape.

1 GR-D870 Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to “**VIDEO**” (☞ 13).

2 Set the Power Switch to “**REC**” (☞ 13).

3 GR-D870 Set “REC MEDIA” to “ /M” or “ ” (☞ 30).

4 GR-D870 Set “SNAP/SLOW” to “SNAP”. (☞ 30)

5 Press **SNAPSHOT**.

Notes:
- The “PHOTO” indication appears and a still image will be recorded for approx. 5 seconds, then the camcorder re-enters the Record-Standby mode.
- You can perform Snapshot also during recording. A still image will be recorded for approx. 5 seconds, then the normal recording resumes.
- If the image taken by snapshot is too dark or too bright, select (☞ 36) or “SPOTLIGHT” (☞ 38).
- GR-D870 The image quality for Snapshot in 16:9 mode is 640 x 360. However, the approx. number of storable images is similar with Snapshot in 4:3 mode (☞ 23).

Motor Drive Mode

Keeping **SNAPSHOT** pressed in step 5 provides an effect similar to serial photography. (Interval between still images: approx. 1 second).

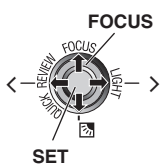
- GR-D870 The Motor Drive mode is disabled when “REC MEDIA” is set to “ /M” or “M” (☞ 30).

Manual Focus

The camcorder's Full Range AF system offers continuous shooting ability from close-up (as close as approx. 5 cm to the subject) to infinity. However, correct focus may not be obtained depending on the shooting condition. In this case, use the manual focus mode.

1 Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).

2 Set the recording mode to "M" (☞ 20).



Manual focus indicator

3 Press **FOCUS**. The manual focus indicator appears.

4 Press › or ‹ to focus on a subject.
- When the focus level cannot be adjusted any further or closer, "▲" or "👤" will blink.

5 Press **SET**. Focus adjustment is complete.

To reset to Auto Focus
Press **FOCUS** twice.

Manual focus is recommended in situations listed below.
- When two subjects overlap in the same scene.
- When illumination is low.*
- When the subject has no contrast (difference in brightness and darkness), such as a flat, one-color wall, or a clear, blue sky.*
- When a dark object is barely visible in the LCD monitor.*
- When the scene contains minute patterns or identical patterns that are regularly repeated.
- When the scene is affected by sunbeams or light reflecting off the surface of a body of water.
- When shooting a scene with a high-contrast background.

* The following low-contrast warnings appear blinking: ▲, ◀, ▶ and 👤.

Exposure Control

Manual exposure control is recommended in the following situations:
- When shooting using reverse lighting or when the background is too bright.
- When shooting on a reflective natural background such as at the beach or when skiing.
- When the background is overly dark or the subject is bright.

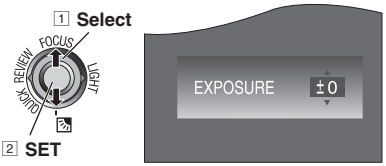
1 Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).

2 Set the recording mode to "M" (☞ 20).

3 Press **MENU**.

4 Select "FUNCTION" (Fn).

5 Select "EXPOSURE", press **SET**.



6 Select the appropriate exposure, press **SET**.
- To brighten the image, press ∧. To darken the image, press ∨. (maximum +/-6)

7 Press **MENU**.

Notes:
- If the adjustment does not cause any visible change in brightness, set "GAIN UP" to "AUTO" (☞ 29).
- You cannot use the manual exposure control at the same time when "PROGRAM AE" is set to "SPOTLIGHT" or "SNOW" (☞ 38), or with the backlight compensation.

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Iris Lock

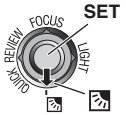
Like the pupil of the human eye, the iris contracts in well-lit environments to keep too much light from entering, and dilates in dim environments to allow in more light. Use this function in the following situations:

- When shooting a moving subject.
- When the distance to the subject changes (so its size in the LCD monitor changes), such as when the subject is backing away.
- When shooting on a reflective natural background such as at the beach or when skiing.
- When shooting objects under a spotlight.
- When zooming.

1. Perform steps 1 – 5 in "Exposure Control" (☞ 35).
2. Adjust zoom so that the subject fills the LCD monitor, then press and hold **SET** for over 2 seconds. The "L" indication appears.
3. Press **SET**. The iris is locked.
4. Press **MENU**.

Backlight Compensation

Backlight compensation feature brightens the dark subject portion by increasing the exposure.



1. Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).
2. Set the recording mode to "M" (☞ 20).
3. Press ☼ so that the Backlight Compensation indicator "☼" appears.

To cancel Backlight Compensation
Press ☼ twice so that the "☼" indicator disappears.

Note:
Using Backlight Compensation may cause the light around the subject to become too bright and the subject to become white.

Spot Exposure Control

Selection of a spot metering area enables more precise exposure compensation.

1. Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).
2. Set the recording mode to "M" (☞ 20).
3. Press ☼ twice so that the Spot Exposure Control indicator "⊡" appears.
   - A spot metering area frame appears at the center of the LCD monitor.
4. Press **SET**.
   - Spot Exposure Control is engaged.
   - Exposure is adjusted to make the brightness of the selected area most appropriate.

To cancel Spot Exposure Control
Press ☼ once so that the "⊡" indicator disappears.

To lock the iris
After step 3, press and hold **SET** over 2 seconds. The "L" indication appears and the iris is locked.

Notes:

- Depending on the shooting location and condition, optimum result may not be attained.
- "STROBE" in "EFFECT" cannot be used with Spot Exposure Control.

White Balance Adjustment

The white balance refers to the correctness of color reproduction under various lighting. If the white balance is correct, all other colors will be accurately reproduced.
The white balance is usually adjusted automatically. However, more advanced camcorder operators control this function manually to achieve a more professional color/tint reproduction.

1. Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).
2. Set the recording mode to "M" (☞ 20).
3. Set "W. BALANCE" to the desired mode (☞ 29).
   - The selected mode indicator except "AUTO" appears.

W. BALANCE

[AUTO]:
White balance is adjusted automatically.
MWB:
Adjust the white balance manually when shooting under various types of lighting. (☞ 37, "Manual White Balance Adjustment")
FINE:
Outdoors on a sunny day.
CLOUD:
Outdoors on a cloudy day.
HALOGEN:
A video light or similar type of lighting is used.

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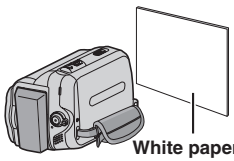
Manual White Balance Adjustment

Adjust the white balance manually when shooting under various types of lighting.



White paper

1. Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).
2. Set the recording mode to "M" (☞ 20).
3. Hold a sheet of plain white paper in front of the subject. Adjust zoom or position yourself so that the white paper fills the screen.
4. Select "MWB" in "W. BALANCE" menu (☞ 29), then press and hold **SET** until begins blinking.
   - When the setting is completed, stops blinking.
5. Press **SET** to engage the setting.
6. Press **MENU**. The Menu Screen closes and the Manual White Balance indicator is displayed.

Notes:

- In step 3, it may be difficult to focus on the white paper. In such a case, adjust focus manually (☞ 35).
- Because the color temperature is different depending on the light source, use this function for a more natural result.
- Once you adjust white balance manually, the setting is retained even if the power is turned off or the battery removed.
- White Balance cannot be activated simultaneously with "TWILIGHT" in "PROGRAM AE" (☞ 38).
- White Balance cannot be activated if the "SEPIA" or "MONOTONE" mode is activated.

Wipe Or Fader Effects

These effects let you make pro-style scene transitions. Use them to spice up the transition from one scene to the next.
Wipe or Fader works when video recording is started or stopped.

1. GR-D870 Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to "**VIDEO**".
2. Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).
3. Set the recording mode to "M" (☞ 20).
4. Set "WIPE/FADER" in "FUNCTION" Menu (☞ 29).
5. Press the Recording Start/Stop Button to activate the Fade-in/out or Wipe-in/out.

Note:
You can extend the length of a Wipe or Fader by pressing and holding the Recording Start/Stop Button.

WIPE/FADER

[OFF]:
Disables the function.
WHITE Wh:
Fade in or out with a white screen.
BLACK Bk:
Fade in or out with a black screen.
SLIDE:
Wipe in from right to left, or wipe out from left to right.
SCROLL:
The scene wipes in from the bottom to the top of a black screen, or wipes out from top to bottom, leaving a black screen.

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Program AE, Effects And Shutter Effects

1. Set the Power Switch to "**REC**" (☞ 13).
2. Set the recording mode to "M" (☞ 20).
3. Set "EFFECT", "PROGRAM AE" or "SHUTTER" in "FUNCTION" Menu (☞ 29).
   - The selected effect will be shown for approx. 2 seconds before the camcorder returns to the menu screen.

Notes:
- Shutter Effects cannot be used during "NIGHT".
- When a subject is too bright or reflective, a vertical streak may appear (smear phenomenon). Smear phenomenon tends to occur when "SPORTS" or any mode of "SHUTTER 1/500 – 1/4000" is selected.

PROGRAM AE

[OFF]:
Disables the function.
SPORTS:
(Variable Shutter Speed: 1/250 – 1/4000):
This setting allows fast-moving images to be captured one frame at a time, for vivid, stable slow-motion playback. The faster the shutter speed, the darker the picture becomes. Use the shutter function under good lighting conditions.
SNOW:
Compensates for subjects that may otherwise appear too dark when shooting in extremely bright surroundings such as in the snow.
SPOTLIGHT:
Compensates for subjects that may otherwise appear too bright when shooting under extremely strong direct lighting such as spotlights.
TWILIGHT:
Makes evening scenes look more natural. White Balance (☞ 37) is automatically set to "AUTO". When Twilight is chosen, the camcorder automatically adjusts the focus from approx. 10 m to infinity. From less than 10 m, adjust the focus manually.

NIGHT :
Makes dark subjects or areas even brighter than they would be under good natural lighting. Although the recorded image is not grainy, it may look as if it is strobing due to the slow shutter speed.
During Night-Alive, it may be difficult to bring the camcorder into focus. To prevent this, use of a tripod is recommended.
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EFFECT

[OFF]:
Disables the function.

SEPIA :
Recorded scenes have a brownish tint like old photos.

MONOTONE B/W:
Like classic black and white films, your footage is shot in B/W.

CLASSIC* :
Gives recorded scenes a strobe effect.

STROBE* :
Your recording looks like a series of consecutive snapshots.

MIRROR* :
Creates a mirror image on the left half of the screen, juxtaposed to the normal image on the other half.

* GR-D870 Not available for still image recording.

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SHUTTER

[OFF]:
Disables the function.

1/60 SHUTTER 1/60:
The shutter speed is fixed at 1/60th of a second. Black bands that usually appear when shooting a TV screen become narrower.

1/100 SHUTTER 1/100:
The shutter speed is fixed at 1/100th of a second. The flickering that occurs when shooting under a fluorescent light or mercury-vapour lamp is reduced.

SHUTTER 1/500 / SHUTTER 1/4000*:
(Refer to "PROGRAM AE" - "SPORTS " mode)

* GR-D870 Not available for still image recording.

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GR-D870 Dubbing Still Images Recorded On A Tape To A Memory Card

Still images can be dubbed from a tape to a memory card.

Preparation:
- Load a cassette (☞ 18).
- Load a memory card (☞ 11).

1. Set the **MEMORY/VIDEO** Switch to "**VIDEO**".
2. Set the Power Switch to "**PLAY**" (☞ 13).
3. Set "[T]➡[M] COPY" to "ON" (☞ 33).
4. Set "SNAP/SLOW" to "SNAP". (☞ 30)
5. Set ►/II to start playback.
6. At the point you want to dub, press ►/II again to engage Still Playback.
7. To dub the image, press **SNAPSHOT**.
   - The "➡" indication appears during dubbing.

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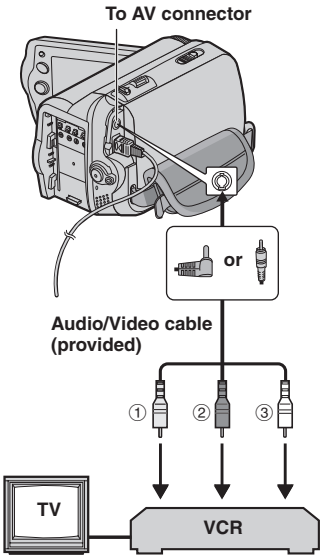
Connections To A TV Or VCR



① Yellow to VIDEO IN (Connect when your TV/VCR has only A/V input connectors).
② Red to AUDIO R IN*
③ White to AUDIO L IN*
* Not required for watching still images only.

1. Make sure all units are turned off.
2. Connect the camcorder to a TV or VCR as shown in the illustration.
   If using a VCR, go to step 3.
   If not, go to step 4.
3. Connect the VCR output to the TV input, referring to your VCR's instruction manual.
4. Turn on the camcorder, the VCR and the TV.
5. Set the VCR to its AUX input mode, and set the TV to its VIDEO mode.
6. Start playback on the camcorder (☞ 21).
   - Please set "WIDE TV" of Playback Menus so that the image may suit your TV (16:9 TV or 4:3 TV) (☞ 28, 31).

To choose whether or not the following displays appear on the connected TV

- Date/Time
  Set "DATE/TIME" to "ON", "AUTO" or "OFF" (☞ 31).
- Time Code
  Set "TIME CODE" to "ON" or "OFF" (☞ 31).
- On Screen
  Set "ON SCREEN" to "OFF", "LCD" or "LCD/TV" (☞ 31).

Notes:

- **It is recommended to use the AC Adapter as the power supply instead of the battery pack. (☞ 16)**
- To monitor the picture and sound from the camcorder without inserting a tape or GR-D870 memory card, set the camcorder's Power Switch to "**REC**", then set your TV to the appropriate input mode.
- Make sure you adjust the TV sound volume to its minimum level to avoid a sudden burst of sound when the camcorder is turned on.

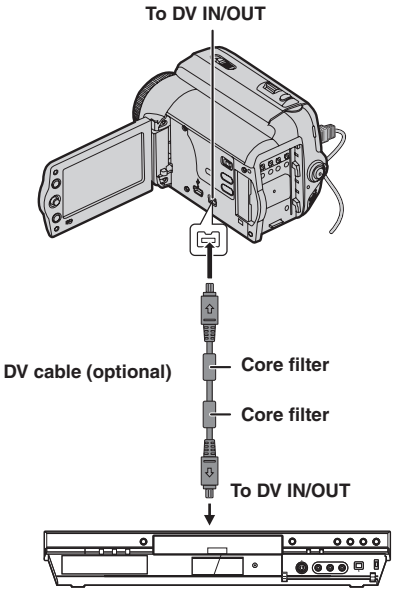
Dubbing To A VCR

To use this camcorder as a player

1. Following the illustration, ☞ 40, "Connections To A TV Or VCR", connect the camcorder and the VCR's input connectors.
2. Perform steps 1 – 6, "Connections To A TV Or VCR". (☞ 40)
3. At the point you want to start dubbing, start recording on the VCR. (Refer to the VCR's instruction manual.)
4. To stop dubbing, stop recording on the VCR, then stop playback on the camcorder.

Dubbing To Or From A Video Unit Equipped With A DV Connector (Digital Dubbing)

It is also possible to copy recorded scenes from the camcorder onto another video unit equipped with a DV connector. Since a digital signal is sent, there is little, if any, image or sound deterioration.



Video unit equipped with DV connector

To use this camcorder as a player

1. Make sure all units are turned off.
2. Connect this camcorder to a video unit equipped with a DV input connector using a DV cable as shown in the illustration.
3. Start playback on the camcorder (☞ 21).
4. At the point you want to start dubbing, start recording on the video unit. (Refer to the video unit's instruction manual.)
5. To stop dubbing, stop recording on the video unit, then stop playback on this camcorder.

Notes:

- **It is recommended to use the AC Adapter as the power supply instead of the battery pack (☞ 16).**
- If a blank portion or disturbed image is played back on the player during dubbing, the dubbing may stop so that an unusual image is not dubbed.
- Even though the DV cable is connected correctly, sometimes the image may not appear in step 4. If this occurs, turn off the power and make connections again.
- If **SNAPSHOT** is pressed during playback, only the original playback image recorded on the tape is output from the DV IN/OUT connector.
- **When using a DV cable, be sure to use the optional JVC VC-VDV204U or VC-VDV206U DV cable.**

To use this camcorder as a recorder

1. Make sure all units are turned off.
2. Connect this camcorder to a video unit equipped with a DV output connector using a DV cable as shown in the illustration.
3. Set the camcorder's Power Switch to "**PLAY**".
4. Set "REC MODE" to "SP" or "LP" (☞ 30).
5. Start playback on the player.
6. Press the Recording Start/Stop Button to engage the Record-Pause mode.
   - The "**DV IN**" indication appears on the screen.
7. At the point you want to start dubbing, press the Recording Start/Stop Button to start dubbing. The ✪ indication rotates.
8. Press the Recording Start/Stop Button again to stop dubbing. The ✪ indication stops rotating.
9. Press ■ to return to the normal playback mode.

Note:

Digital Dubbing is performed in the sound mode recorded on the original tape, regardless of the current "SOUND MODE" setting (☞ 30).

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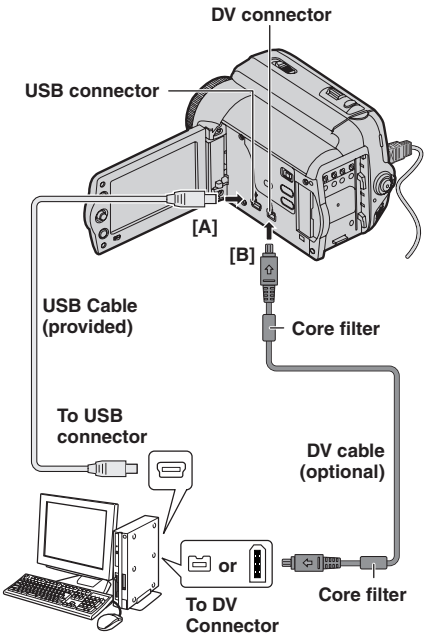
Appears if dubbing of copyguarded signals is attempted while this camcorder is being used as a recorder.

Connection To A Personal Computer



PC with DV connector

When connecting the camcorder to a PC using a DV cable, make sure to follow the procedure below. Connecting the cable incorrectly may cause malfunctions to the camcorder and/or the PC.

- Connect the DV cable first to the PC, and then to the camcorder.
- Connect the DV cable (plugs) correctly according to the shape of the DV connector.

GR-D870 [A] Using USB cable

It is possible to transfer still images stored on a memory card to a PC.

[B] Using DV cable

It is also possible to transfer still/moving images to a PC with a DV connector by using the GR-D870 provided software, software equipped with the PC or commercially available software. If you are using a Windows® XP, you can use Windows® Messenger to conduct video conferences over the Internet, using a camcorder. For details, refer to the help for the Windows® Messenger.

Notes:

- GR-D870 Refer to "SOFTWARE INSTALLATION AND USB CONNECTION GUIDE" for the bundled software and drivers.
- **It is recommended to use the AC Adapter as the power supply instead of the battery pack (☞ 16).**
- GR-D870 **Never connect the USB cable and the DV cable simultaneously to the camcorder. Connect only the cable you wish to use to the camcorder.**
- **When using a DV cable, be sure to use the optional JVC VC-VDV206U or VC-VDV204U DV cable depending on the type of DV connector (4 or 6 pins) on the PC.**
- GR-D870 If the PC connected to the camcorder via the USB cable is not powered, the camcorder does not enter the USB mode.
- The date/time information cannot be captured into the PC.
- Refer to the instruction manuals of the PC and Software.
- GR-D870 The still images can also be transferred to a PC with a DV connector-equipped capture board.
- The system may not work properly depending on the PC or capture board you are using.
- If, after connecting a DV cable to the camcorder and it doesn't work, restart the camcorder.
- GR-D870 Do not remove memory card during USB connection between PC and set.

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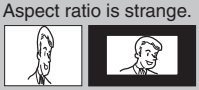
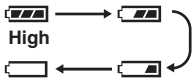
"USB" and/or "◄▬▬►" appears on the LCD monitor while the PC is accessing data in the camcorder or the camcorder is transferring a file to the PC.

NEVER disconnect the USB cable while "◄▬▬►" is displayed on the LCD monitor since this can result in product damage.

If, after following the steps in the chart below, the problem still exists, please consult your nearest JVC dealer.

Problem	Possible Cause	Remedy
Recording cannot be performed.	• The tape's erase protection tab is set to "SAVE". • "TAPE END" appears. • The cassette holder cover is open.	➜Set the tape's erase protection tab to "REC" (☞ 18). ➜Replace with new cassette (☞ 18). ➜Close the cassette holder cover.
When shooting a subject illuminated by bright light, vertical lines appear.	• This is not a malfunction.	
When the screen is under direct sunlight during shooting, the screen becomes red or black for an instant.	• This is not a malfunction.	
The LCD monitor indications blink.	• Effects function that cannot be used together are selected at the same time.	➜Re-read the sections covering Effects (☞ 39).
The focus does not adjust automatically.	• Focus is set to the Manual mode. • The lens is dirty or covered with condensation.	➜Set Focus to the Auto mode (☞ 35). ➜Clean the lens and check the focus again (☞ 35).
The image looks like the shutter speed is too slow.	• When shooting in the dark, the unit becomes highly sensitive to light when "GAIN UP" is set to "AUTO".	➜If you want the lighting to look more natural, set "GAIN UP" to "AGC" or "OFF" (☞ 29).
Images on the LCD monitor appear dark or whitish.	• In places subject to low temperature, images become dark due to the characteristics of the LCD monitor. This is not a malfunction.	➜Adjust the brightness and angle of the LCD monitor (☞ 12, 18).
Picture does not appear on the LCD monitor.	• The LCD monitor's brightness setting is too dark.	➜Adjust the brightness of the LCD monitor (☞ 18). ➜If the monitor is tilted upward 180 degrees, open the monitor fully. (☞ 12)
Aspect ratio is strange. 		➜If the aspect ratio of the video you are playing is strange, change the setting in "WIDE TV" (☞ 31, 33).
No power is supplied.	• The power is not connected properly. • The battery pack is not attached firmly. • The battery is dead.	➜Connect the AC Adapter securely. (☞ 16) ➜Detach the battery pack once again and re-attach it firmly. (☞ 16) ➜Replace the dead battery with a fully charged one. (☞ 16)
The POWER/CHARGE lamp on the camcorder does not light during charging.	• Charging is difficult in places subject to extremely high/low temperatures. • The battery pack is not attached firmly.	➜To protect the battery, it is recommended to charge it in places with a temperature of 10°C to 35°C. (☞ 46) ➜Detach the battery pack once again and re-attach it firmly. (☞ 16)

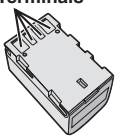
Problem	Possible Cause	Remedy
The tape is moving, but there is no picture.	• Your TV has AV input terminals, but is not set to its VIDEO mode. • The cassette holder cover is open.	➜Set the TV to the mode or channel appropriate for video playback. (☞ 40) ➜Close the cassette holder cover. (☞ 18)
Blocks of noise appear during playback, or there is no playback picture and the screen becomes blue.		➜Clean the video heads with an optional cleaning cassette. (☞ 4)
The color of Snapshot looks strange.	• The light source or the subject does not include white. Or there are various different light sources behind the subject.	➜Find a white subject and compose your shot so that it also appears in the frame. (☞ 35)

Warning Indication	Meaning / Remedy
	• Displays the battery remaining power. • As the battery power comes close to nil, the battery remaining power indicator blinks. When the battery power is exhausted, power turns off automatically.
SET TO MANUAL MODE	• Appears when you attempt to change “Menu Settings”, “Backlight Compensation” or “Manual Focus” while in AUTO mode A. (☞ 20)
TAPE END	• Appears when the tape ends during recording or playback.
LENS CAP	• Appears for 5 seconds after power is turned on if the lens cap is attached or when it is dark.
SET DATE/TIME!	• Appears when the date/time is not set. (☞ 17) • The built-in clock battery has run out and the previously set date/time has been erased. Consult your nearest JVC dealer for replacement.
CASSETTE	• Appears if a tape is loaded while the Power Switch is set to “**REC**”. • Blinks when no tape is loaded.
CHECK TAPE’S ERASE PROTECTION TAB	• Appears when the erase protection tab is set to “SAVE” while the Power Switch is set to **“REC”**.
GR-D870 MEMORY IS FULL	• Appears when the memory card’s memory is full and shooting is not possible.
UNIT IN SAFEGUARD MODE REMOVE AND REATTACH BATTERY OR DC PLUG	• Error indications 01, 02 or 06. Remedy: Remove and reattach the power supply or battery.*
UNIT IN SAFEGUARD MODE EJECT AND REINSERT TAPE	• Error indications 03 or 04. Remedy: Eject the cassette and reinsert.*

* The camcorder turns off automatically. Re-check if the indication clears. When it does, you can resume using the camcorder. If the indication remains, consult your nearest JVC dealer.

Battery Packs

The supplied battery pack is a lithium-ion battery. Before using the supplied battery pack or an optional battery pack, be sure to read the following cautions:



- **To avoid hazards**
... **do not** burn.
... **do not** short-circuit the terminals. When transporting, make sure the provided battery cap is attached to the battery. If the battery cap is misplaced, carry the battery in a plastic bag.
... **do not** modify or disassemble.
... **do not** expose the battery to temperatures exceeding 60°C, as this may cause the battery to overheat, explode or catch fire.
... use only specified chargers.

- **To prevent damage and prolong service life**
... do not subject to unnecessary shock.
... charge in an environment where temperatures are within the tolerances shown in the chart below. This is a chemical reaction type battery — cooler temperatures impede chemical reaction, while warmer temperatures can prevent complete charging.
... store in a cool, dry place. Extended exposure to high temperatures will increase natural discharge and shorten service life.
... fully charge and then fully discharge the battery every 6 months when storing the battery pack over a long period time.
... remove from charger or powered unit when not in use, as some machines use current even when switched off.

The Benefits Of Lithium-Ion Batteries
Lithium-ion battery packs are small but have a large power capacity. However, when one is exposed to cold temperatures (below 10°C), its usage time becomes shorter and it may cease to function. If this happens, place the battery pack in your pocket or other warm, protected place for a short time, then re-attach it to the camcorder.

Notes:
- It is normal for the battery pack to be warm after charging, or after use.
  Temperature Range Specifications
  Charging: 10°C to 35°C
  Operation: 0°C to 40°C
  Storage: –20°C to 50°C
- The lower the temperature, the longer recharging takes.
- Charging times are for a fully discharged battery pack.

Cassettes

To properly use and store your cassettes, be sure to read the following cautions:

- **During use**
... make sure the cassette bears the Mini DV mark.
... be aware that recording onto prerecorded tapes automatically erases the previously recorded video and audio signals.
... make sure the cassette is positioned properly when inserting.
... do not load and unload the cassette repeatedly without allowing the tape to run at all. This slackens the tape and can result in damage.
... do not open the front tape cover. This exposes the tape to fingerprints and dust.

- **Store cassettes**
... away from heaters or other heat sources.
... out of direct sunlight.
... where they won't be subject to unnecessary shock or vibration.
... where they won't be exposed to strong magnetic fields (such as those generated by motors, transformers or magnets).
... vertically, in their original cases.

LCD Monitor

- **To prevent damage to the LCD monitor, DO NOT**

... push it strongly or apply any shocks.

- **To prolong service life**

... avoid rubbing it with coarse cloth.

Main Unit

- **For safety, DO NOT**

... open the camcorder's chassis.
... disassemble or modify the unit.
... short-circuit the terminals of the battery pack. Keep it away from metallic objects when not in use.
... allow inflammables, water or metallic objects to enter the unit.
... remove the battery pack or disconnect the power supply while the power is on.
... leave the battery pack attached when the camcorder is not in use.

- **Avoid using the unit**

... in places subject to excessive humidity or dust.
... in places subject to soot or steam such as near a cooking stove.
... in places subject to excessive shock or vibration.
... near appliances generating strong magnetic or electric fields (speakers, broadcasting antennas, etc.).
... in places subject to extremely high (over 40°C) or extremely low (under 0°C) temperatures.

- **DO NOT leave the unit**

... in places of over 50°C.
... in places where humidity is extremely low (below 35%) or extremely high (above 80%).
... in direct sunlight.
... in a closed car in summer.
... near a heater.

- **To protect the unit, DO NOT**

... allow it to become wet.
... drop the unit or strike it against hard objects.
... subject it to shock or excessive vibration during transportation.
... keep the lens directed at extremely bright objects for long periods.
... expose the lens to direct sunlight.
... carry it by holding the LCD monitor.
... swing it excessively when using the hand strap or the grip.
... swing the soft camcorder case excessively when the camcorder is inside it.

- **Dirty heads can cause the following problems:**

... No picture during playback.
... Blocks of noise appear during playback.
... During recording or playback, the Head Clog Warning indicator "⊗" appears.
... Recording cannot be performed properly.

In such cases, use an optional cleaning cassette. Insert it and play back. If the cassette is used more than once consecutively, damage to the video heads may result. After the camcorder plays back for about 20 seconds, it stops automatically. Also refer to the cleaning cassette's instructions.
If, after using the cleaning cassette, the problems still exist, consult your nearest JVC dealer.
Mechanical moving parts used to move the video heads and video tape tend to become dirty and worn out over time. In order to maintain a clear picture at all times, periodic check-ups are recommended after using the unit for about 1,000 hours. For periodic check-ups please consult your nearest JVC dealer.

GR-D870 Memory Cards

To properly use and store your memory cards, be sure to read the following cautions:

- **During use**

... make sure the memory card bears the SD or MultiMediaCard mark.
... make sure the memory card is positioned properly when inserting.

- **While the memory card is being accessed (during recording, playback, deletion, initialization, etc.)**

... never unload the memory card and never turn off the camcorder.

- **Store memory cards**

... away from heaters or other heat sources.
... out of direct sunlight.
... where they won't be subject to unnecessary shock or vibration.
... where they won't be exposed to strong magnetic fields (such as those generated by motors, transformers or magnets).

GR-D870 How To Handle A CD-ROM

- Take care not to soil or scratch the mirror surface (opposite to the printed surface). Do not write anything or put a sticker on either the front or back surface. If the CD-ROM gets dirty, gently wipe it with a soft cloth outward from the center hole.
- Do not use conventional disc cleaners or cleaning spray.
- Do not bend the CD-ROM or touch its mirror surface.
- Do not store your CD-ROM in a dusty, hot or humid environment. Keep it away from direct sunlight.

About moisture condensation

- You have observed that pouring a cold liquid into a glass will cause drops of water to form on the glass' outer surface. This same phenomenon occurs on the head drum of a camcorder when it is moved from a cool place to a warm place, after heating a cold room, under extremely humid conditions or in a place directly subjected to the cool air from an air conditioner.
- Moisture on the head drum can cause severe damage to the video tape, and can lead to internal damage to the camcorder itself.

CONDENSATION, OPERATION PAUSED PLEASE WAIT

Appears if condensation occurs. When this indication is displayed, wait more than 1 hour until condensation disappears.

Serious malfunctioning

If malfunctioning occurs, stop using the unit immediately and consult your local JVC dealer.

The camcorder is a microcomputer-controlled device. External noise and interference (from a TV, a radio, etc.) might prevent it from functioning properly. In such cases, first disconnect its power supply unit (battery pack, AC Adapter, etc.) and wait a few minutes and then re-connect it and proceed as usual from the beginning.

Cleaning The Camcorder

Before cleaning, turn off the camcorder and remove the battery pack and AC Adapter.

To clean the exterior
Wipe gently with a soft cloth. Put the cloth in diluted mild soap and wring it well to wipe off heavy dirt. Then wipe again with a dry cloth.

To clean the LCD monitor
Wipe gently with a soft cloth. Be careful not to damage the monitor. Close the LCD monitor.

To clean the lens
Blow it with a blower brush, then wipe gently with lens cleaning paper.

Notes:
- Avoid using strong cleaning agents such as benzine or alcohol.
- Cleaning should be done only after the battery pack has been removed or other power units have been disconnected.
- Mold may form if the lens is left dirty.
- When using a cleaner or chemically treated cloth refer to the cautions of each product.

Camcorder

For General

Power supply
DC 11 V (Using AC Adapter)
DC 7.2 V (Using battery pack)
Power consumption**
Approx. 2.4 W (2.6 W*)
* Using LED Light
**The LCD Backlight is set to [STANDARD] mode.
Dimensions (W x H x D)
68 mm x 74 mm x 118 mm
Weight
Approx. 420 g (without battery, cassette and lens cap)
GR-D850 Approx. 485 g
(incl. battery, cassette and lens cap)
GR-D870 Approx. 490 g
(incl. battery, cassette and lens cap)
Operating temperature
0°C to 40°C
Operating humidity
35% to 80%
Storage temperature
–20°C to 50°C
Pickup
1/6" CCD
Lens
F1.8 to 4.0, f=2.2 mm to 77 mm, 35:1 power zoom lens
Filter diameter
ø30.5 mm
LCD monitor
2.7" diagonally measured, LCD panel/TFT active matrix system
Speaker
Monaural
LED Light
Effective distance: 1.5 m

For Digital Video Camera

Format
DV format (SD mode)

Signal format
NTSC standard

Recording/Playback format
Video: Digital component recording
Audio: PCM digital recording, 32 kHz
4-channel (12-BIT), 48 kHz 2-channel (16-BIT)

Cassette
Mini DV cassette

Tape speed
SP: 18.8 mm/s, LP: 12.5 mm/s

Maximum recording time (using 80 min. cassette)
SP: 80 min., LP: 120 min.

GR-D870 For Digital Still Camera

Storage media
SD Memory Card/MultiMediaCard

Compression system
JPEG (compatible)

File size
Still image:
640 x 480 pixels

Picture quality
2 modes (FINE/STANDARD)

Approximate number of storable images ☞ 23

For Connectors

AV
Video output: 1.0 V (p-p), 75 Ω, analog
Audio output: 300 mV (rms), 1 kΩ, analog, stereo

DV
Input/output: 4-pin, IEEE1394 compliant

GR-D870 **USB**
Mini USB-B Type, USB 1.1 compliant

AC Adapter

Power requirement
AC 110 V to 240 V~, 50 Hz/60 Hz

Output
DC 11 V ⎓, 1 A

Specifications shown are for SP mode unless otherwise indicated E & O.E. Design and specifications subject to change without notice.

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